

MANGAIA FARMER'S REPORT FROM JULY-SEPTEMBER 2020



Introduction: Pa Enuā AgINTEL is a collection of data for vegetables, root crops and fruit trees in the Pa Enuā. This report is a snap-shot of the third quarter (Q3) of 2020. The information compiled is based on the data provided by the Mangaia Agriculture department. This bulletin informs farmers and consumers of the types of crops with its value and quantity. For further information, contact Ministry of Agriculture, Corporate Services Division on phone number 28711 or email us at moa.support@cookislands.gov.ck

Market Bulletin for Quarter 3, 2020

Fruits

Tomatoes were the only fruits supplied to the market for this quarter, however, in reduced quantities. It is believed that numerous island functions were the main reasons for the decrease. Other fruits (capsicum, pineapple and pawpaw) were also harvested but was not made available for sale.

Crop Name	Quarter 3			Quarter 2		
	Sold (kg)	Average Price (\$NZ)	Total Value (\$NZ)	Sold (kg)	Average Price (\$NZ)	Total Value (\$NZ)
Tomatoes	150.0	5.00	750.00	237.0	5.20	1,232.40

Root Crops

Taro continued to be the most supplied root crop for the three quarters of this year in Mangaia but a reduction in the quantity supplied was noted. The farmers have already harvested the crops and are preparing the land for re-planting.

Crop Name	Quarter 3			Quarter 2		
	Sold (kg)	Average Price (\$NZ)	Total Value (\$NZ)	Sold (kg)	Average Price (\$NZ)	Total Value (\$NZ)
Taro	100.0	6.00	600.00	1,111.00	2.80	3,110.80

Vegetables

Cabbages and lettuce were the only vegetables supplied to the market this quarter. Similar to root crops and fruits, inconsistent farming patterns and farmers harvesting crops for island functions and not for sale at the market were the main reasons for the decrease.

Crop Name	Quarter 3			Quarter 2		
	Sold (kg)	Average Price (\$NZ)	Total Value (\$NZ)	Sold (kg)	Average Price (\$NZ)	Total Value (\$NZ)
Cabbage	240.0	5.00	1,200.00	714.0	3.10	2,213.40
Lettuce	119.0	3.00	357.00	325.5	3.20	1,041.60



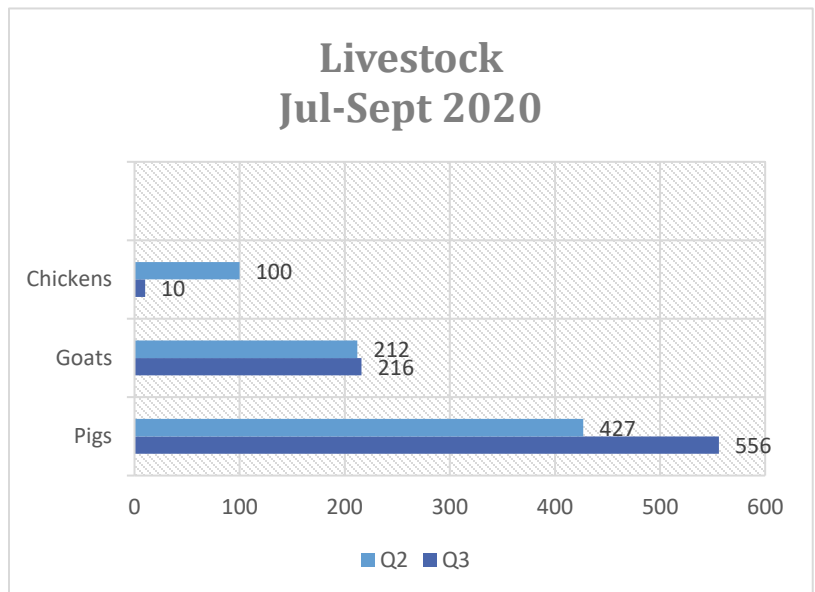
Land use

A decrease in the use of land for agricultural purposes for root crops and tree crops was noted for this quarter. Farmers preparing the land for replanting of the crops was the key reason for the decrease.

LAND USE	Quarter 3	Quarter 2
	ACRES	ACRES
Under rootcrops	23	38.8
Under tree crops (Fruits & Nuts)	16	19.6
Under vegetable crops	4.25	3.5

Livestock

Pigs were the most common livestock kept by the farmers on the island for this quarter with a total number of 556. This was followed by goats and chickens with total numbers reported at 216 and 10 respectively.



Note: Livestock data collected are only for those being well managed by farmers.